



**FOR RETARDED . . .** Anticipating the Gardena VFW sponsored accordion concert Sunday at 7 p.m. are Commander Ray Travel and John Warhol (kneeling), concert chairman. Demonstrating accordion techniques used by the Yale Accordion Symphony Orchestra are members Gary Bishop of Torrance and Maria Coia of Inglewood, part of the 20 young adults who compose the group. Enjoying the music are Harman Koerner, Jason Yamada, and Cheryl Williams (seated), students at Gardena Valley Training Center, one of three centers operated by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children. The association will receive half the proceeds from the ticket sales.

## Benefit Concert Slated By Accordion Symphony

The Gardena VFW Post No. 3261 will sponsor an accordion concert Sunday at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall, 1822 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

Proceeds from the ticket sale will be shared by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children and the performers from the Yale Accordion Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$2 each and may be purchased from Post Commander Ray Travel or John Warhol, concert chairman, by mailing a check to the VFW hall. Tickets also will be available at the door the night of the concert.

The accordion orchestra is composed of 20 young adults who play music ranging from pop ballads to the classics. Using chimes and other percussion instruments, the orchestra reproduces the sound of an full conventional symphony and gives the illusion of strings, brasses and woodwinds.

Included in their program are waltzes, beguines, polkas, folksongs, ballads and classics.

The Yale Accordion Symphony Orchestra has appeared throughout northern and southern California, including a performance at the Hollywood Palladium.

They have been invited to appear Aug. 6 through 9 at the International Cultural Exchange Music Festival in New York City.

## Professor Wins Top USC Award

A Redondo Beach man has won a top award at the University of Southern California for his outstanding teaching.

Nathaniel Hickerson, assistant professor of education, is one of eight professors nominated by graduating students for the honors. He will receive a \$1,000 award from USC Associates, a group of 300 men and women civic leaders dedicated to academic excellence at USC.

The awards have been made annually since 1960.

Dr. Hickerson, 40, has been a member of the department of the social and philosophical foundations of education at USC since 1966.

He was graduated in anthropology from Columbia University, and received a master's degree in education from Teachers College there. After attending San Francisco State College, he earned the doctor of education degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Hickerson has been a high school teacher and administrator, an assistant professor of education at San Francisco State and Tulane University, a lecturer at the University of Florida, and a director of education for the Anti-Defamation League.

HE IS the author of "Education for Alienation" and a number of articles dealing with social foundations and secondary education.

Dr. Hickerson has been a consultant to the Baldwin Park Unified school district on counseling and guidance and to the Fresno Unified school district on problems of school desegregation.

He has also worked on problems relating to the education of Mexican-American children.

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## On the Move

(Promotions, Assignments, Affiliations)

Peter J. Kiefer of Redondo Beach has been elected vice president of Security Pacific National Bank's Personnel Department, where he will head the employe relations division. Kiefer has been with the bank 19 years.

Gary L. Graham has been appointed Real Estate manager for Taco Bell, a franchise restaurant organization headquartered in Torrance. He will be responsible for the location of and negotiations for sites for future restaurants.

Raymond P. Petty, Valerian Pazanowski, and Melvin E. Warnol, all of Torrance, were recently honored by the Allstate Insurance Companies for outstanding achievement during a six-week sales program.

Carl A. Weise, designer of aircraft power plant installations, has joined Aercon, Inc., as technical director of Engine Power Plant Programs, it was announced by Roy J. Benecchi, president of Aercon's Aerospace Group. The Cal Tech graduate lives in San Pedro.

Joseph A. Moran has been promoted to sales engineering manager for the Southern California-Arizona area (Gardena) by Microseal Corp.

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